



County of San Bernardino Department of Public Works Solid Waste Management Division DISASTER DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



San Bernardino County wants to assist property owners affected by the recent fires with fire debris removal. The County has developed this program to assist with getting the fire debris removed safely and as quickly as is possible. This handout is intended to give you information you need as the clean up process begins.

- **The County Disaster Debris Management Program offers property owners, a cost-effective alternative to doing-it-yourself.**

The program ensures entire neighborhoods are cleaned up at the same time. Program staff works with property owners to coordinate all aspects of the debris clean up.

- **To sign up or for more information, please call 909-386-8701 or go to www.sbcounty.gov/wsd.**

BENEFITS of the Debris Management Program

- TIMELY and AFFORDABLE debris removal.
- EXPEDITED inspections.
- PROPER HANDLING of debris.
- ALL INCLUSIVE: coordinates the entire debris removal process, including; permitting, debris inspections, asbestos inspection and removal, vehicle removal, debris containers, disposal clearances, disposal.

HELPFUL HINTS before you begin the clean up process:

- BE SAFE. Fire debris can be very unsafe, it could contain hazardous wastes, heavy metals, asbestos and other contaminants. Wear appropriate protective clothing and boots and use goggles, masks, and gloves.
- PLEASE WAIT until notified of the official fire debris disposal procedures.
- COLLECT NEEDED PROPERTY INFORMATION: Assessor's Parcel Number (from your property tax bill, disposal use permit or loan documents), affected property address, mortgage company, insurance company name, policy and policy number, personal identification, contact telephone, e-mail and address.
- CONTACT YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY and confirm your coverage. Most insurance policies have disaster related debris clean up and removal clauses that will reimburse for all or some of these costs.
- DECIDE IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE in the County's Disaster Debris Management Program.

About Fire Debris

All properties affected by the fires will be reviewed for household hazardous waste. Debris from structures built prior to 1984 will be subject to asbestos inspection. If the inspection finds asbestos, the asbestos will have to be removed before the debris can be transported and disposed at a landfill. Asbestos inspection and removal must be done by a licensed asbestos contractor. Proof of inspection/removal will be required before the debris will be accepted at a landfill. The cost for these services varies depending on many factors including the amount and type of debris to be inspected, location, and amount needing removal. Asbestos and Household Hazardous Waste removal is included in the Disaster Debris Management Program.